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On instructions of President Johnson the Department of Justice today transmitted directly to the Presidential Commission the Federal Bureau of Investigation's first report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

The FBI's investigation is continuing and further reports will be made to the Commission. President Johnson has directed the Department of Justice to press the investigation until all avenues of exploration into every facet of the assassination and subsequent related events have been exhausted.

The President's Commission has requested that the report not be made public until the Commission has reviewed it and taken whatever action may be necessary to accomplish its mission.

However, in the public interest, the President, with the concurrence of the Commission, has authorized the Department of Justice to make the following points:

(1) While the Commission will make the final determination, in the opinion of the Department of Justice, the FBI report through scientific examination of evidence and through testimony, establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The evidence includes ballistic tests, fingerprints and palm prints, clothing fibers and other technical data which places Oswald at the scene of the crime and establishes that

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He fired the shots which killed President Kennedy and wounded Governor Connally of Texas.

(2) The FBI has made an exhaustive investigation into whether Oswald may have conspired with or been assisted by any person, foreign or domestic, in carrying out this dastardly act. In this regard, the FBI has questioned hundreds of persons and checked out numerous rumors and reports. No stone will be left unturned in probing every possible lead, but to date this aspect of the investigation has been negative. No evidence has been uncovered indicating that any person, including Dallas night club owner, Jack Ruby, was involved with Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The report transmitted to the Commission contained two volumes of _____ pages, summarizing the FBI's investigation up to December _____, and three volumes containing _____ exhibits.